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THE MONTH

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S/n. Sutbone

A.A.N.S. A.I.F

18th Oct., 1918.

Started at 6.5 A.G.H.
14th Sept. 18.

Examined for A.I.F
Passed for Salonika.

12th 6th

Left Melb by 4 pm.

Albury express for
Sydney. All friends &
relations to see us off

Fairly comfortable
journey to Albury

13th Woke up & found
ourselves in N.S.W.

Had breakfast at
Moss Vale. Got into

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Sydney at 11.30 A.M.
Were taken to the
Convalescent Home
'Rose Hall' Marlborough
& spent the afternoon
looking over Randwick
H & P.G.H. Slept eleven in
one room Had some
good fun out of it.

14th Oct.

Got up at 6 A.M. rushed
the bath. Went down
Sydney did some
shopping Orders to
embark at 1.30pm
Got down in taxis

Came aboard the
'Wyreema' Spent the
afternoon exploring
our new quarters.
Edgcumbe & I are
in a cabin together
There are 4 & 6 Sisters
& a Matron, some
hundreds of Troops
& Officers on board
We drew out from
the pier at about
4pm & anchored
off Pot Point. I
hear we are sailing
at mid night.

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15th Terribly seasick
in A.M. Got up for short
time but went down
again very soon.

16th Still ill, crawled
up on deck to see
Wilson's Prom. Got
a snap of it.

17th Struck very rough
weather. Everyone
sisters & troops ill.
This old tub rolls
to some order. Did
not leave my cabin
all day.

18th Feeling better up
on deck most of day
still very rough.
Officers on board say
they have never
known this boat
so roll & pitch so
much before. We
are now in the Bight
19th Same old thing
Feeling better up on
deck most of time
20th Monday Very rough
all day. Feeling ill
again. Fremantle
tomorrow.

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Tuesday 22nd Very rough letters home. Walked all last night. Nobody slept sighted land about 3pm. Got into Port at about 11-12 pm. Were flying the yellow flag so had to wait until the Health Officer cleared us. Two cases of measles on board. We went ashore at about 7:30 & caught a train up to Perth. Went to the Esplanade Hotel where 16 of us secured rooms for the night. Went out & sent telegrams around Perth & saw as much of the shops as we could in the time. Were struck with the clean & fresh look of everything. Went back to the Hotel. Had a glorious hot bath & turned into the most comfortable bed we have had since leaving Melb. Were up next morning Wed 23rd at about 7AM. Several car owners came

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saw a door us for a
drive round Perth &
through their wonderful
King Park. The wild
flowers were glorious.
The buildings are so
different to our Welsh
ones being much
smaller & built mostly
of a greyish stone.
We went back to breakfast
& then Mr Gullay offered
to drive us the 13 miles
to Dremantle as we
had to catch our
lanch & go on board

again. The drive through
was wonderfully pretty.
We called at a few
shops & collected all
the well papers we
could carry also some
fruit. Mr Gullay
pointed out all the
beautiful spots as we
came along. We came
on board at about 11 AM
but did not sail
until about 5 pm.
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at 6 pm. Coming out
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small boat at Penehor
blew whistles waved flags
cooed etc On a rocky point
of land a girl signalled
us her good wishes with
flags until we were out of
sight.

24th 25th 26th. All passed
uneventfully. Reading
& sewing on deck, playing
cards during the evening.
Capt. says we ought to
get to Duran about the
8th Oct.

27th Sunday. Church
service this A.M. which

everyone enjoyed. Fine
bright sunny day with
a big swell on. Games
on deck during after
noon Evening on deck jarvis
28th 29th Beautiful day
spent on deck. Padre
reading "Gingernick" &
O.C. helping. Concerts
round Padrisio in evening
Boat drill on Monday
30th 31st Still fine
weather, Fire drill
on Thursday Played
cards all evening
~~Fest~~

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1st Nov. Friday made our
fastest time today
along 325½. Sea
very choppy. Subsequently
spent the morning in
my cabin. Played
cards again with
Mayo, McChamara
& Collins.

2nd Nov. Very nice day
Event of the week
being the Social dinner
held in the Saloon this
evening. Capt. & Padre
coming to our table
They being the only

men amongst 14 of
us. Excellent concert
on the boat deck at
night.

3rd Drove letters. Went
to Church Parade in
morning & service on
deck in evening.
4th Quiet day wrote
letters.

5th Nov. Sisters gave a
concert in Social Hall
this evening. The event
of the evening being
a drama entitled
"Search me" Sisters

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McNeil Collins Richards pretty little place
Hamilton Holden German anchored out in the
Edgcumbe Morris Wilkins taking part. Sister O'Rane
alander acted ship part
of Bluebeard splendidly
The Ships Babe (Scent
Springshall) causing a
good deal of amusement
as well

6th Terribly windy,
getting ready for
Harbav tomorrow

8th Arrived in the
small bay off Harbav. Off to us bringing
at about 9 A.M very

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anchored out in the
bay much to our
disappointment. No
shore leave for anyone
Started coaling
from coal lighters
alongside all work
being done by tuggers
9th Still coaling things
getting in an awful
mess, coal dust
everywhere. Miss
Campbell came
flowers fruit etc

10th Had an awful night. Coal dust chased us out of our cabin. Slept on a table in the dining saloon. All our clothes in a terrible mess. Pulled in alongside the works this morning. funny how one cannot take on water. Few of our men dumped over the side & made for the hills. They were brought back at about 5 pm. just before we sailed.

Left Durban at 5:30 pm on Sunday ^{10th} bound for Cape Town. Miss Campbell signalling a last farewell to us from the shore. Monday 11th felt a little seasick again. funny how one cannot get over this silly feeling. Coal dust still everywhere but we are feeling better than in Durban. Tuesday 12th Very

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Wednesday. Spent
it on deck.

Wednesday, 13th

Sighted land this
morning at about
7 A.M. The Iron Rock
being our first glimpse
of Sth. Africa. It
most wonderful.

sight coming into
this port of Table Bay.
We got in & anchored
at about 1 pm &
spent the rest of
the day Scavenging
on the wonders.

of Table Mountain
Thursday 14th A
very wet day, read
& sewed all day.

Friday, 15th More
Troopships coming
in. This seems
a very busy harbour
• Red Cross & YMCA

not so enthusiastic
as in Durban.

Sat. 16th Spent the day
reading taking photos
& spent the evening
on deck listening
to a concert given

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by the boat Church
Sunday, 17th Service on the deck
forward. A glorious
day. Sing song
in Troop deck in
evening. Major not
so well today.
& Richards very
sick.

Monday, 18th The
Boat a big troop
ship came in
today from Eng.
carrying wounded
& amygacs. Wring

The evening another
ship came in &
anchored near
also carrying troops
Tuesday, 19th Another
quiet day. More
boats coming & going
all the time. We are
still undecided
what we are going
to do. The government
don't seem to know
what to do with us. Concert on the
Troop deck at night
Spent I on deck the

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Mr Steven & Mayor
as usual

Wednesday 20th

Another glorious day
some of the Officers
& Sisters from the
Borda came over
to lunch with
us & a few of our
crowd went back
with them for the
afternoon. Nothing
in the way of news
I spent the evening
on deck watching
the lights of town

+ the clouds & mist
over Table Mount

Thursday 21st

Just another Camp
day spent taking
photos & reading.

Friday 22nd Sister
Mayor talking of
staying in Sth Africa
much to my disgust
some of the girls went
round the bay in
a small launch.

Sat. 23rd Mayor,

Holden, McNeil &
Rudall went

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ashore. May be going
up to her Uncle in
Doburg. Padre &
Col Wright & a few
of the S.A. men
also went ashore
here. We sailed
out of Table Bay
at 8:30 p.m. & this
old sub w/ her load
are bound for old
Mysore once more.
What a terrible
disappointment
to everybody. We
all expected but

least to get to England
<sup>24th Sunday. church
service on deck this
A.M. We miss Padre
very much. The
S.A. Padre took
the service & preached
rather a rousing
sermon. Spent
the evening on
deck with Brother
Bill as usual
Monday Tuesday
& Wednesday all
very rough. Boat
rolling terribly.</sup>

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Consequently everyone more or less on the sicklist. Am feeling splendid myself. Think I must have developed my sea legs.

Thursday Friday & Sat. 28 29. 30th

Spent the same. Went to social dinner with Mr. White CPO.

Sunday Church parade as usual

Monday 2nd

Nothing doing Tuesday 3rd

Passed & sailed round Cemsterdon Island very barren rocky

place. Sent up rockets & blew our sirens.

Officer gave a concert which was very funny all officers were dressed up & acted a small

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fare. Mr Brown came to dinner
taking part with ^{him} with me Brady
Major Leckie as his lady love
Wednesday & Thursday
concerts on deck
Thursday night being official dinner day, we get into
as usual ^{the} Freemantle on
Sat 7th Taney dress social dinner +
dance on board ^{the} Tuesday morning
The costumes were very good. Watched
very good indeed ^{it} from boat
some being extremely
funny. Billy dined with the
V.A.D. & Billy a week-
ender.

Sunday ^{the} a cold
day. We get into
Freemantle on
Monday 9th
concert on deck
Concert on deck
very good. Watched
^{it} from boat
deck with Billy.
Dinner again tomorrow

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Tuesday 15th Got into the post at Treemantle at daylight. Got up early & when the pilot came off he told us that we could not have shore leave. At about 9.30 A.M. the shore authorities signalled for 20 sisters to nurse Spanish Flu. Marion Colleda volunteered 26 of us spoke up & then we drew lots for places. Brady

+ I were amongst the 20. We left the old Wyvern at 4 pm on Tuesday & are all feeling very lonely. Sat on the jetty here all wood was burnt white. The people at the station finished a row they were having. Arrived up here hungry & tired. Unpacked + had a look around Brady. I went down onto the

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jetty & gazed longingly
out at the old boat
wishing to heaven we
were back there again

Wednesday 11th Got up

& then started to get

things ready for the
boys coming off the

Boonah. Wilkinson clean shirts &
Hamilton Bradshaw pyjamas so just

43 were in W 3, a

but holding 8 beds on them all we could

& 10 tents. Not covers, & get them as

liners of any kind.

About 10 A.M. the
boys began to

Come up from the
jetty. Our tents &
lunt were soon full
Poor lads were in a
terrible plight. With
& dirt all over them
terribly sick, we
had no drugs, no
clean shirts &
as was to wash them
on them all we could
do was to wash them
possible three
died the first

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day.

Thursday 12th Boys all
very ill. Very little
to feed them on.

Drugs scarce. This
place is Hell.

Friday things
improving slightly
on the way of food worse.

+ drugs. Boys still
dying. 10 up to
date.

Saturday O'Kane off
duty ill. also

Sister Leeds. Also
feeling off color

Sunday. Blazing
hot day. How
different to our last
Sunday. No church
parade, no singing
nothing but dust
sand & flies & sick
O'Kane much

Monday. Two
more nurses down.
Boys improving
slightly.

Tuesday 17th.
6 Sisters down
with flu. Bella

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I laud down also all down today
Wed. No letters from Sat, 31st Poor old
home. Very miserable O'Kane died early
alone.

Thursday 19th
Moved down to
new Hospital
Working frantically
all day over
deaths in our
ward up to date
Wilkie & Manning
down with flu
Friday Hamilton
Walker Newby
Thomson Rymer

This morning one
can hardly realize
that she has gone
everybody very depressed
about it. We gave her
a military funeral
today at 4 pm.

It's sad to see how
we old Wyreemians
have decreased
Only nine us
on duty now.
Went out in the

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out tonight for
some fresh air.
Brady & I moved
to W^a & to be with
our own girls. It's
terribly lonely.
Boys are still dying
but on the whole are
improving. German

down tonight
Nursing & Rane
proved so much
for the dear old
gore she has been
a brier.
Got a telegram

from Bieey this
evening.

Sunday 22nd What a
day. Every body sad.
Two more deaths among
the boys. Cato Worthy
from our ward being
amongst the fatal
cases.

Tuesday 24th Things
anyhow today, a
letter from the Perth
Military Sisters
here appeared in
the daily paper +
caused quite a

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Xmas 1918

ster. Meetings etc being held about it. We are forbidden to talk to the officers & men except while on duty & all Xmas festivities have been knocked on the head. Xmas Eve & the unhappiest I've ever spent. We got letters from the East. I got one from Billy at Adelaide also. News that we have to move from our present quarters.

down to tents about half a mile down a dusty track. Now we are going to walk that distance every day goodness only knows where, & care less.

4 new Sisters from Adelaide came tonight one of them is Jackson's sister

Xmas day
Had my first day off. Spent it moving down to our new camping ground

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What a day, hot &
dusty & as unlike
Xmas as it is possible
to be. Xmas dinner
was a scream.

Their tent was the only
one fixed up, so when
the others came off duty
& found their beds
strewn all over the
paddock & their
luggage & bedding had
only known where, fixed up. We'd
They all went up
to the main
building to attack with me.

that little beast
Mr Park. He as is
typical of him, did
nothing for us so
we all went back
again. The Convales sent
boys offering to put
up their beds & carry
luggage etc for the
girls. It was mid
night before things
were finally
fixed up. We'd
not sleep much
Tents don't agree

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Thursday 26th

Heard at work

again. Cases in W^o

improving slightly

Boys busy funeral also Williams.

today.

Friday. Had a little picnic down on the beach with Brady & Day. Had another Morris & Ferguson little sea on the beach with the two the first bit of pleasure we had had at all.

Sat & Sun²⁸, nothing

Different things rubbing along in

The same dirty

old way.

Monday 30th

Thomson very ill

Bradie went in

night duty after

being on duty all

day. Had another

little sea on the

beach with the two

kids tonight

Tuesday 31st

New Year's Eve.

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in Fremantle on

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England again
Thompson of
U.S.W's very ill.
still.
Tommy died

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Wyreema Sisters
in Quarantine.

No. 1 M.D. Drane Bell

Germain Robson

Bourke Hogg Hignan

No. 2 M.D.

Thomson Thomas,
Walker, Newby,

No. 3 Wilkinson, Scott,
Bradshaw, Manning,
Morris, Con, Collins
Hamilton.

No. 4. Jackson

